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Williams, Cary, And Company,

Have the Pleaſure to inform their Friends and the Public in general, that they have juſt received by the May, Capt. Haſkell from London, a neat, general and elegant Aſſortment of all Kinds of European and Eaſt-India GOODS, amongſt which are,

LADYS' bell hoops, pads, fancy coloured oſtrich feathers, barometers, microſcopes, perſpective glaſſes, printed linens, calicoes, cambricks, lawns, muſlins, ladys' Morocco, ſtuff and leather ſhoes, mens' ſhoes, muſtard in bottles, hair powder, ſtarch and blue, threads, tapes, pins, needles, all kinds of hardware, among which are the neweſt faſhioned plated buckles, caſtings, nets, twine, ladys' and gentlemens' gloves, a variety of fans, ladys' work baſkets, ſtuff and ſilk petticoats, copper tea-kettles, iron pots, all kinds of worſted and yarn hoſe, tablecloths, napkins, ſmoothing-irons, copper ſcales and weights, and a variety of other articles too tedious to mention, which they intend to diſpoſe of on the moſt reaſonable terms, by wholeſale only.

Alexandria, Feb. 1, 1785.

Hooe and Harriſon,

Have for Sale at their Store,

OSnaburgs, Ravens duck, brown rolls, Ruſſia duck, Holland's ditto, white-lead, red ditto, Spaniſh brown, red ochre, yellow ditto, white vitriol, verdigreaſe, brimſtone, ſand-glaſſes, ſpy-glaſſes, ſheet-lead, ſheet-copper, German ſteel, loglines, deepſea ditto, houſeline, marline, hamberline, ſail twine, ſeine ditto, ſheet-tin in boxes, ſteel wire, tar, turpentine, Engliſh and Dutch cordage, anchors of different ſizes, mould candles, Hyſon, bohea and ſouchong tea, black pepper, ſingle refined and double refined ſugar, candied ditto, gin in caſes, muſkets, butter pots, water pitchers, queen's china, glaſs ware, delf bowls, long and ſhort pipes, violins, looking-glaſſes, hatchets, carpenters' and joiners' tools, ſcythes, bolting-cloths, blankets, flannels, hats, cotton ſtockings, yarn and worſted ditto, diaper napkins, cambricks, lawns, check ſhirts, gauze handkerchiefs, old hock in bottles, &c.

Alexandria, Jan. 26, 1785.

Daniel and Iſaac M'Pherſon,

Have for Sale,

WEST-INDIA and New-England rum, molaſſes, brown ſugar, ſalt, ſail-duck, cordage, brown rolls, dowlas, fine and coarſe mens' and womens' ſhoes by the box or dozen, glaſs ware by the box, paints, gunpowder, ſpades, ſhovels, coarſe and fine hats, black pepper, ſoap and candles by the box, with many other articles of dry-goods and hardware, all of which they will ſell on reaſonable terms for Caſh or Country Produce.

Alexandria, Jan. 25, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A Stout ſtrong hearty young NEGRO MAN, who is well acquainted with all kinds of country buſineſs, is a good pit ſawyer, has worked in a ſmith's ſhop, and has ſome knowledge of that buſineſs; he is, perhaps, one of the beſt cutters and grubbers in the State, and can hew well with the broad-ax; to any perſon moving to a new ſettlement this fellow would be extremely valuable.—Inquire of EDWARD HARPER.

Alexandria, Jan. 26, 1785.

N. B. His wife is alſo for ſale, who is a healthy ſtrong willing Wench, well acquainted with plantation or houſe work.—Inquire as above.

For Sale, for Caſh or Country Produce,

A Few Pipes of choice Madera Wine,
Jamaica Rum fit for preſent Uſe, of high Proof and excellent Flavour.
Claret in ſmall Boxes of 2½ and 3 Dozen each.
A few Kegs of Scotch Barley and Herrings.

WILLIAM HUNTER, jun.

Alexandria, Jan. 18, 1785.

For Sale,

A *Valuable* TRACT *of* LAND, *lying in Prince-William County, Virginia, about two miles from Dumfries, eight from Colcheſter, and twenty-four from Alexandria, containing* 2150 *acres; this land is well adapted to farming and planting, is very well timbered, and has the advantage of a large never failing ſtream running through it, upon which may be got one or more good mill ſeats.*

Alſo, another valuable Tract of Land, containing upwards of 800 *acres, lying in Waſhington County, Maryland, about one mile from the river Potomack, eight from Hagar's-Town, and twenty-ſix from Frederick-Town: This tract is altogether of the rich limeſtone lands in Connicocheague valley, and is generally acknowledged to be equal in ſoil to and produces as highly as any land in the county; it is alſo well timbered.—Both or either of the above tracts will be laid off in parcels, or ſold otherwiſe, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſers, who ſhall have good titles.—A very ſmall part of the purchaſe-money, not exceeding one-ſixth, will be expected in a ſhort time after the ſale, and the remainder in three equal payments, at the different periods of two, three and four years from the date of it.—For terms of the Virginia tract, apply to Col.* BAILEY WASHINGTON, *of Staffordſ County, and of the other to Col.* RICHARD DAVIS, *who lives near the premiſes, or to the Subſcriber, who owns the lands.*

PEREGRINE FITZHUGH.

Jan. 3, 1785.

☞ *If the above lands ſhould not be diſpoſed of by private ſale before the* 20*th of February, the Maryland tract will then be ſold at public auction, and the Virginia tract upon the firſt of March.* P. F.

STRAYED or ſtolen from Mr. Michael Gretter's door, on Thurſday the 27th ult. a black MARE, about fourteen hands high (with a ſaddle and bridle) marked by a pack-ſaddle along the back with white ſpots, ſuckled a foal, and ſhod all round.——Whoever will ſecure ſaid Mare, if found within ten miles of this town, ſhall receive Four Dollars Reward, from Mr. GRETTER, and if ſtolen, Six Dollars for her and the thief, paid by the Subſcriber, living in Fairfax County, within three miles of the old Court-Houſe.

WILLIAM SWINK,

Feb. 3, 1785.

Whereas the Copartnerſhip of CALLENDER, LEWIS and COMPANY,

is diſſolved, it is requeſted that all Perſons who are indebted to the Rope-Walk, or have any Demands againſt it, will bring in their Accounts for Settlement.

☞ The Subſcriber begs Leave to inform his Friends and Cuſtomers, that he intends carrying on the Ropemaking Buſineſs in all its Branches.—Any Orders for Cordage or white Rope will be particularly attended to.—As he ſuperintends this Buſineſs himſelf, he makes no Doubt of giving Satisfaction to thoſe who will favor him with their Cuſtom.

ELEAZER CALLENDER.

Fredericksburg, Jan. 26, 1785.

☞ Choice LAMPBLACK to be Sold at the Printing-Office.

VENICE, September 22.

THE Government have received letters from the Chevalier Emo, by which we learn, that on the 6th of this month, he was with his ſquadron on the coaſt of Barbary. The Bey of Tunis had made him ſome propoſals through the medium of the Conſul, to which he had anſwered, that he could not enter into any negociation until the indemnity due to the Republic for all the inſults offered to her flag by the Tuniſians ſhould be previouſly ſettled. It is aſſured that the Regency are determined to grant one, and we hope that this difference will ſoon be terminated to the ſatisfaction of our Republic.

LONDON, October 29.

The laſt letters from Dutch Flanders, dated the 18th of this month, announce, that there are great movements among the Auſtrian troops, who are marching towards Antwerp, and take poſt in ſuch a manner that 10,000 men may be aſſembled there in twenty-four hours. They are putting the town in a ſtate of defence, and erecting batteries on the banks of the river. According to the ſame letters, the Auſtrian villages near Lillo are barricaded by waggons, trees, &c.

Extract of a letter from Straſburg, Oct. 16.

"A ſublimer traveller, a new hero, enters the atmoſpheric theatre, and has deſerved a ſuperior degree of public admiration for his unrivalled performance! Mr. Henri de Clermont, a Swiſs adventurer, is the gentleman I am ſpeaking of, and to whoſe deſcent I was this morning a witneſs. To pleaſe the citizens of Geneva he has far out-dived (if I may invert this expreſſion) any of his predeceſſors, in a balloon of a new conſtruction, and of uncommon power; but I had better tell you his ſtory as I heard it.

"Myſelf, with Mr. Zolicoffer (the banker) to whom I am here recommended, were this morning walking in ſome vineyards, and admiring the chearful buſineſs of the vintagers, the welcome warmth of the ſouth wind, and the unclouded face of Heaven, when a flitting ſhadow, that glanced along the ground before us, drew our attention to an immenſe balloon, about a third part inflated, which was deſcending with great rapidity before us. We ran up to the place where it ſeemed likely to ſtop, and, when it was within about ſix feet of the ground, a handſome, florid young man, ſeemingly about twenty, jumped eagerly from a gallery affixed to it, and catching us both with tranſport in his arms, "Am I again amongſt men?" ſaid he; and dropping ſome tears upon *my* ſhoulder, to which, from the natural ſympathy of ſimilar years, he preferably leaned, "God! God! I thank thee! I am again amongſt men!" he repeated with ſuch a voice, that I could not deny him ſome reſponſive drops.

"After the firſt effuſions of his joy were over, we turned to look for his balloon, which had remounted a few feet on his quitting it, but fell back almoſt immediately to the earth; and ſeated ourſelves on the wreck, he took ſome biſcuits from a box it contained, whilſt Mr. Zolicoffer purchaſed a baſket of grapes from the vintagers, and we took a rural repaſt together. He then related to us the hiſtory of his tour, pretty nearly in the following words. Wiſhing, with the impetuoſity of youth, to do ſomething towards the improvement of theſe aerial vehicles, whoſe invention and progreſs I have attended to with all the enthuſiaſm of a lover; I adjuſted to the ſummit of a common globe of oiled ſilk, a valve preſſed down with a ſpring that juſt yielded to a weight of half a pound, a preſſing force, which I knew, from trial, every ſquare foot (ſo big was the valve) of the balloon was more than able to ſuſtain. I then fixed a ſecond ſphere of ſilk above this valve, that the eſcape of inflammable air, which its increaſing expanſive force renders neceſſary in the upper regions of the atmoſphere, might, by inflating the ſuperior globe, increaſe inſtead of diminiſhing the power of aſcenſion in my

machine. I then filled the inferior air-ſkin, and with the uſual appendages of a gallery, ſome ſand bags, a flag, a barometer, a bottle of wine, and theſe biſcuits, the balloon was fitted for my expedition. The apparatus was ſo cloſely ſewed, that it remained expoſed all laſt night without any ſenſible loſs of air, and this morning, about half after ſix, notwithſtanding a night of ſleepleſs impatience, I was quite in ſpirits to aſcend, and mounted my car, which ſlowly roſe amidſt a croud of admiring ſpectators. On the more rapid wing of vanity my ſoul was lifted to the higheſt pitch of ecſtaſy, and I waved my flag with exultation till my beholders were indiſtinct from diſtance. I then emptied one ſand bag after another into the lake, and roſe with inconceivable, though almoſt imperceptible, rapidity, whilſt the earth ſeemed ſlipping under me with equal velocity ſouthward. With what delight I now contemplated the grand ſcene below! The rugged mountains of Switzerland lying like a map beneath me, and protending their long ſhadows into the plains of Burgundy! The lake of Geneva but a pond, and its city a point! The Po, the Rhone, the Rhine, and the Danube, ſtreamlets, whoſe infant progreſs I could trace, but whoſe bolder flow the dim horizon hid! The ſun ſcarce riſen, and apparently below my level! Such were the grand objects that continued to elevate me. My ſuperior globe was now ſwelling apace, and my aſcent redoubled in ſwiftneſs, if to it, and not to the ſun's warmth, I may attribute the ſwift change which the earth's appearance underwent. It was now a huge circular plain, of a greyiſh green caſt; the ſun, a round blaze of glory, burned with the white etherial luſtre of the other ſtars, which the refractions of this thinner atmoſphere no longer concealed. My reſpiration grew uncommonly rapid and violent; my barometer, which I but now thought of conſulting, was cracked, and my bottle of wine burſt ſuddenly with a loud exploſion, and its contents diſappeared in vapour.

"I now began to be alarmed for my ſafety, and as I thought I might gueſs at my elevation by obſerving the ſwiftneſs of a body let fall from the balloon, I took a ſmall pebble out of one of the ſand bags, and let it ſlide down the ſide of the gallery. Judge of my terror, when I perceived my machine attracted it more ſtrongly than the earth, and it hung ſuſpended like a drop of water from one corner of the bottom. "And ſhall I never ſet foot again upon my native planet, but freeze ſlowly to death in the empty waſte of ſpace, far from my friends—my mother?" exclaimed I, caſting myſelf on the floor in an agony of deſpair, and gnawing my ſeat with bitter rage; then caſting a dry eye of imprecation towards Heaven, "ſhall I never again return to earth?" and relapſed into the profoundeſt miſery, ſwallowed up in the idea of being without the ſphere of attraction of the world. At length, riſing with collected fury, and armed with the courage of deſpair, I ſlit quite acroſs with my penknife the lower globe, and flung out ſome ſlips of torn paper, to ſee if I diſtanced them in my deſcent. They remained ſuſpended in the ſame level with myſelf, trembling and flickering, indeed, as if agitated by a wind to which I was inſenſible, but apparently indifferent as to their direction, and my laſt ray of hope ſeemed extinct. After a while they roſe; I looked down at my pebble, it was fallen, the lower globe had collapſed, and with ſobs of rapture I now thanked the Deity, whom in my fury I had dared to arraign. The ſun burned yellower, the ſtars vaniſhed, the earth's ſurface grew diſtinct, and my reſpiration eaſy: At laſt I could fold you in my arms, and Heaven bleſs thoſe whoſe embrace firſt convinced me I was ſtill within the reach of men.

"We dined by ourſelves at Mr. Zolicoffer's, but, before the coffee was brought, the vintagers had ſo far ſpread the report of an aerial traveller's arrival, that the houſe of the good banker was ſurrounded by a mob, eager to ſee him; and not an acquaintance of his, but, under one pretence or another, came in to drink a cup of coffee with this new Icarus. Mr. de Clermont is as affable and mild humoured as he is handſome; he gave every body his hand, went and ſpoke to the populace at the door, and accepts (during his ſtay) of a bed. He ſprained his ancle in the jump, which will confine him a good deal. I remain, yours, &c."

Extract of a letter from Rotterdam, dated October 16.

"Though the gazettes have not yet announced it, you may rely on it, as a fact, that a triple alliance was concluded the 1ſt or 3d of this month, at Paris, between theſe States and the Courts of Berlin and Verſailles, whoſe baſis is at all events to ſupport the barrier treaty. England will be forced into the war; the Emperor has already called upon his Britannic Majeſty, in his capacity of Elector, to join the forces of the circle of Weſtphalia, under pain of military execution, and the band to compoſe the army, which is to aſſemble at Brabant in March next.

Extract of a letter from Stockholm, Oct. 8.

"The powers of the North, and eſpecially the Empreſs of Ruſſia, have remarked with ſome uneaſineſs, the movements of our Court for ſome time paſt, in putting the frontier places of the kingdom in a ſtate of defence, and completing the troops. Tho' no complaints have been preferred, ſome queſtions have been made relative to the intention of the miniſtry, principally by the Ambaſſador on the part of the Court of Peterſburgh. The Baron de Creutz, Miniſter of State, formed a memorial by way of reply, calculated for appeaſing thoſe inquietudes, and which indeed hath produced that effect. This anſwer having been improperly related in divers public papers, we give it here as literally tranſlated from the German:

"There is nothing more noble, and more conformable to the ſublime character of her Imperial Majeſty than the cordial and amicable manner in which that Sovereign has charged you, Sir, to confer with me on the reports made to her Majeſty of the preparations of war carrying on in Sweden and on its frontiers. I am too fully convinced of the ſentiments which animate the King my maſter towards your auguſt Sovereign, not to be purſuaded that his Majeſty will find in this manner of acting new proofs of friendſhip and affection for her Imperial Majeſty. A ſuſpicion formed is diſſipated by ſincere eclairciſſements, which efface erroneous ideas ariſing from falſe and exaggerated information. Though I cannot, Sir, give you in form a miniſterial anſwer, before this affair has been laid before the King (then at Paris) I am ſufficiently informed of the views and diſpoſitions, which by his orders are carrying into execution, with reſpect to the fleet and the army, to have the honor to aſſure you, that neither in the Swediſh ports, nor on the frontiers, the leaſt preparations for war have been or making; that in Scandinavia the troops are not aſſembled; that at Carlſcrone no other magazines are eſtabliſhed than thoſe which by ſome new regulations are deſigned for the ſea-ſervice.

"I muſt, in the mean time, aſſure you with the ſame freedom which the open and amicable behaviour of your Sovereign deſerves, that his Majeſty alſo acts according to the principles of an enlightened and vigilant government. The King gives theſe movements to his military and defenſive ſyſtem to preſerve it conſtantly on a proper footing. His fleet was in a diſadvantageous condition; he has ordered it to be repaired. His artillery was in the capital; there it is now uſeleſs ſince the King is convinced of the friendſhip of the Empreſs: he therefore ordered it to be diſtributed among the frontier places, to the defence of which it belongs, and where it naturally ought to remain. This, Sir, is all that has been done, and that openly in the face of the public. The conſiderable land forces, which according to the public reports were drawn together in Scandinavia, amount to 20,000 men, who are working on the fortifications of Chriſtiandſt and Landſcron. Theſe diſpoſitions do not announce the leaſt hoſtile deſign, but on the contrary pacific meaſures, tending to the preſervation of that repoſe by which the government of the King is become ſo dear to his people. In fine, I have the honor to aſſure you, that his Majeſty, penetrated with the repeated and inceſſant marks of the friendſhip of her Imperial Majeſty towards him, deſires nothing more ardently than to give her manifeſt proofs of his reciprocal amity, and that the King conſiders the good correſpondence which exiſts between him and your Sovereign, as the moſt glorious and happy epoch of his reign."

November 3.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Oct. 26.

"Yeſterday, at eleven o'clock, the delegates met from the different counties, cities, and towns, at the exhibition-room, William-Street; they ſat until ſix o'clock in the evening.

"Mr. D'Arcy delivered himſelf to the following effect: "Gentlemen, previous to our entering into any buſineſs, I ſhall move, that the gallery be cleared, and that every perſon, who is not a delegate, be obliged to depart. The buſineſs on which we are about to proceed, requires the utmoſt privacy, and cannot be kept too ſecret. I ſhall alſo move, if the former remedy be deemed inſufficient, that every member be bound on his honor not to divulge what paſſes. While we keep our proceedings ſecret, it will not be in the power of government to counteract them. We have to deal with the moſt corrupt men, in the moſt corrupt times—in times, which for iniquity are without parallel, and far exceed even thoſe of the infernal Nero. It is eaſy, if any of our proceedings require publication, to publiſh ſuch and ſuch only. All men are not bleſſed with the ſame nerves—ſome poſſeſs ſtrong,—ſome weak: Many gentlemen might be deterred from delivering their ſentiments, if they imagined they were to be ſubmitted to the inſpection of the world; an inviolable privacy will inſure freedom of debate, and ſucceſs to your proceedings: I therefore move, "That every perſon who is not a delegate, be requeſted to withdraw."

"The motion was agreed to without a diviſion.

"Colonel William Sharman, on the motion of Sir Edward Newenham, was unanimouſly elected preſident, and John Talbot Aſhenhurſt, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen ſecretary to the congreſs."

Nov. 11. We are aſſured from a reſpectable correſpondent, that war was declared againſt the States-General, on the part of the Emperor of Germany, at Bruſſels, on Saturday the 30th ult.

Nov. 12. They write from Fluſhing, of the 3d inſtant, that the Dutch Admiral Reynſt, whoſe fleet had remained in the roads, had diſpatched two veſſels of ſixteen guns up the Scheldt, in aid to the Dauphin cutter, which are to be ſtationed between fort Cruithanz and Stoitagre; as the Emperor has ſhips of force in that quarter, it is expected to be by order of the States, for covering ſome operation in caſe of having the neceſſity for their troops croſſing the river.

Nov. 13. We learn from undoubted authority, that advices have been received at Bruſſels of a ſkirmiſh between the Imperial troops and the Dutch, in the neighbourhood of fort Lillo, to the diſadvantage of the latter.

According to the letters from the continent, the whole of the Germanic body are in a ferment, in conſequence of ſome declarations which have been made by the Emperor relative to his affairs with the Dutch. The Proteſtant Electors are in the intereſt of the Emperor, but ſome of the eccleſiaſtics of the contrary perſuaſion are in the intereſt and indeed pay of France. If the French confirm this treaty with Holland and ſeparate from the Emperor, the conteſt will be obſtinate; if, on the contrary, the Courts of Verſailles and Vienna underſtand each other, the ſituation of the Hollanders muſt be conſidered as deſperate, it being no longer a doubt but they muſt give up their claims.

Extract of a letter from Blois, in France, October 31.

"All France is of opinion, that the peace between her and England will not laſt long. The moſt intelligent ſay that war cannot but almoſt inſtantly break out in the Eaſt-Indies."

It muſt give pleaſure to every friend to his country, to find that the cabinet are unanimous in their determinations reſpecting Ireland; and that thoſe determinations all go upon the upright and ſagacious ſyſtem of equitable conceſſion and exact equality. Such as befits a kingdom, now preciſely underſtood to be a regal dependance only, and not a national one.

Extract of a letter from Bruſſels, dated November 8.

"Accounts have been received here, that laſt night the Dutch broke one of their dikes near Lillo, by which ſeveral perſons were drowned. They attempted to break a ſecond, but were prevented by the Imperial troops. This event has ſpread an alarm at Oſtend, and has occaſioned an extraordinary diligence in completing the works on the ramparts there."

Nov. 14. By a letter from Dunkirk received yeſterday morning, it is ſaid, that advices had been received in that city, of an action having lately taken place between the Imperial and Dutch forces. The latter, in attempting to erect ſome new works at fort Lillo, were attacked by a body of the Emperor's troops, but they were repulſed, and retired with the loſs of ſeven men killed, and fifteen wounded.

By authentic letters from Portendie, on the coaſt of Guinea, September 5, we learn, that the diſputes between the French at Goree and the Mooriſh King Alley Courie were by no means ſettled, that powerful chief having ſeized on a large ſnow belonging to the Governor, bound to Europe with a valuable cargo, and carried a lady of diſtinction and all the crew up the country.

Yeſterday Lord George Gordon attended the Dutch Ambaſſador to St. James's, dreſſed in a great coat, with a large belt ſlung over his ſhoulder, and in that a broad ſword, and a Dutch cockade in his hat; upon coming at the bottom of the ſtairs, he there halted until the Ambaſſador returned, when he drew his ſword and ſaluted the Ambaſſador, declaring at the ſame time, that he would protect to the utmoſt of his power, the Dutch proteſtants and their intereſts.

NEW-YORK, *January* 19.

There being now in town a ſufficient number of repreſentatives in Congreſs (conſiſting of nine States) the honorable Delegates daily ſit, in their apartments, in the city-hall, on the diſpatch of national buſineſs.

PHILADELPHIA, January 28.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Amſterdam, to his friend in New-York, dated the 25th of November, 1784.

"The Ambaſſador at the Court of Vienna being recalled, and his departure from Gravenhague having effectually taken place the firſt inſtant, without taking leave, and our Miniſter at Vienna, having received inſtructions from their High Mightineſſes to do the ſame, we are now in open war with the Emperor. Twenty thouſand Croats are now marching towards our frontiers. The inſurance upon Dutch veſſels from America to Holland, is twenty per cent."

By private letters from Amſterdam we learn, that war is actually commenced between the Emperor and the Republic; that the moſt vigorous meaſures and operations are purſuing on both ſides; and that the Emperor hath ordered 80,000 troops to march towards the Low Countries. In conſequence of which 40,000 Pruſſians, and 40,000 French auxiliaries were immediately ſet in motion, to join the forces of the United Provinces.

BALTIMORE, February 1.

Captain Moatt, arrived here from Cadiz, in the ſhip Aldborough, on the firſt inſt. ſpoke the Galliot ———, commanded by William Richey, from London, bound to Virginia. She had loſt her bowſprit and ſome ſails, and was then bearing away for Bermuda.

ALEXANDRIA, February 10.

Some very uſeful Diſcoveries have been made at Milan by the Chevalier de Marco Barbaro, Chamberlain to the Court of Bavaria, on fermented Grain, employed in ſowing. Each Grain has produced above 15 Ears. Upwards of 600 Farmers, whom he has ſupplied with Grain thus prepared, to ſow their Lands, are laviſh in their Praiſes of it. The Chevalier de Marco has repeated his Experiments on different Kinds of Grain, and particularly on Rice, which he has ſown on dry Land, where it thrives, after this Preparation, as if it was in Water. This laſt Diſcovery, in particular, will become of great Benefit to the World, as it is well known that the Stagnation of the Waters, neceſſary to the Cultivation of Rice, are hurtful to the Salubrity of the Air, and cauſed it to be excluded from many Countries.

Arrivals at Baltimore. Ship Aldborough, J. Moatt, from Cadiz; Sloop Dolphin, W. Willis, Hiſpaniola; Schooner Ellicott, A. Parrott, Boſton.

NAVAL-OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA.

Inward Entries. None.

Cleared Outwards. Sloop Polly, D. Peoples, for Philadelphia; Schooner Induſtry, J. Foſter, Beverley; Sloop Lark, S. Brown, Boſton; Brig Greenwich, C. Collins, Liſbon.

☞ The VIRGINIA JOURNAL and ALEXANDRIA ADVERTISER, has now completed its Firſt Volume, the Editor therefore takes this Opportunity of returning his ſincere and grateful Thanks to his Friends and Cuſtomers, for the Patronage and Encouragement they have given to his Deſign.

It is with the higheſt Pleaſure, he reflects on the many Inſtances of their Kindneſs, and Indulgence, in the conducting of his Paper; but as he has alſo experienced their great Politeneſs to him, as a Citizen, he thinks himſelf bound by every Tie to make the utmoſt Exertions in his Power, for the future Emolument and Inſtruction of his Subſcribers.

He is now determined to perſevere in the Publication of his Paper, agreeable to the Plan and Sentiments he has already laid before the Public—happy to merit their Approbation, and to be thought worthy of their Attention.

The conſtant and great Expence attending the Printing Buſineſs, lays the Editor under the Neceſſity of informing his Friends and Cuſtomers, that he ſhall be much obliged to them for the punctual Payment of what may be due on the Subſcription for his Paper laſt Year; and alſo that they would pay one Half of the Subſcription for the enſuing Year, as it will comfortably enable the Editor to proceed in his Work, to their great Advantage and Emolument,

GEORGE RICHARDS.

Alexandria, January 27, 1785.

Meſſieurs RICHARDS and COMPANY,

WE wiſh to inform the public through the channel of your paper, that laws, on ſimilar principles, have paſſed the Aſſemblies of Virginia and Maryland, for eſtabliſhing a Company to open and extend the navigation of the River Potomack, by which the ſaid Company are allowed to raiſe by Subſcription a capital ſtock of Fifty Thouſand Pounds, ſterling, for completing the ſaid work, in ſhares not leſs than One Hundred Pounds, ſterling, each, It is ſtipulated that the work ſhall begin in one year after the Company is formed, and the River made navigable from the higheſt part of the North-Branch, that has water ſufficient, to the Great Falls in three years, and be completed from thence to tide-water in ten years after the ſaid Company is formed; and for their encouragement the Company are veſted in perpetuity with tolls, agreeably to the Act*.

The Collectors are veſted with power ſufficient to enforce the payment of the tolls. The property inveſted in this fund is declared to be real eſtate, and the ſame is to be forever free from payment of any tax, impoſition or aſſeſſment whatſoever. The probability of ſucceſs in this buſineſs has been ſo well aſcertained to the different Aſſemblies, that they have each ordered their Treaſurer to ſubſcribe for the State Five Thouſand Pounds, ſterling, ſo that one fifth of the capital is already ſecured. The two States have alſo given directions to have a wide road cut from the head of the navigation on the North-Branch to the moſt convenient head waters of the Ohio, by which ſuch an eaſy, extenſive and inland intercourſe will be opened as has not yet been diſcovered; and what is farther encouraging it opens a communication with a country that is ſaid to be the moſt healthy, commodious and fertile of any in America. Hence the great advantages that muſt inevitably flow to our country, from the ſucceſs of this ſcheme, joined to the private emoluments that are like to accrue to the adventurers, afford ſuch great encouragement, that we doubt not the remaining ſubſcriptions will ſoon be filled up. Books are now opened for this purpoſe at the city of Richmond by Jaquelin Ambler and John Beckley, Eſquires, Joſeph Holmes and Edward Smith, Eſquires, at Wincheſter, and by the Subſcribers at Alexandria. The books will be continued open till the 10th of May next, and a general meeting of the ſubſcribers called on the 17th of ſaid month, to chooſe a Preſident and Directors for carrying on the work.

JOHN FITZGERALD,
WILLIAM HARTSHORNE.

Alexandria, Feb. 9, 1785.

* *A few copies of which may be had at the Printing-Office.*

PRICES CURRENT, ALEXANDRIA.

TOBACCO 29s. per Ct.
Fine Flour, 30s. per Barrel.
Wheat, 6s. per Buſhel.
Jamaica Spirits, 4/6 per Gallon.
Windward Rum, 3s. per Ditto.
Continental Rum, 2/2, to 2/4 per Ditto.
Molaſſes, 1/6 per Ditto.
Muſcovado Sugar, 38s. to 47s. per Ct.
Salt, 6s. per Buſhel, by Retail.
Exchange, 36.

PUBLIC VENDUE.

To be Sold at the Vendue-Store, on Saturday next the 12th Inſtant, Saturday the 19th, and Monday the 21ſt, a Variety of valuable Merchandiſe, among which are the following Articles, viz.

A Quantity of good ſound Dutch blankets, ſold for the benefit of the inſurers; a parcel of the beſt London ſuperfine broadcloths in half pieces of the following colours, white, green, olive, grey, London brown, mixt, prune, garnet, drab, &c. coarſe and narrow ditto, corduroys, linſeys, flannels, ſwanſkins, a parcel of yard-wide Iriſh linens lately imported, Ruſſia ſheeting, dowlas, diaper, oſnaburgs, canvas, printed linens, calicoes, ribbons, oſnaburg thread, pins, garterings, plated buckles, plated table and tea ſpoons, large elegant looking-glaſſes, mens' and womens' ſhoes, hats, ſaddles, ſuits of mens' ready made clothes and ſhirts, queen's and glaſs ware in crates and hogſheads, a general aſſortment of the beſt finiſhed joiners', carpenters', coopers', and ſmiths' tools in ſmall parcels, among them are a variety of planes of moſt kinds complete, ſuch as ſmoothing, ſingle and round, double-ironed, jack, fore, raiſing, hollows and rounds, bead, ſaſh, filliſter, O's, OG's, ſcrew, rabbit, table, grooving, &c. adzes, hammers, drawing-knives, axes, frows, augers, chiſels, braſs, iron-rimed and wood ſtock locks of the beſt kinds, ſtirrups, candleſticks, ſteel coffee mills, curry combs, vices, reap-hooks, &c. Alſo loaf ſugar, muſcovado ditto in tierces and barrels, ſoap and pipes in boxes, Port wine in half pipes and quarter caſks, Liverpool bottled ale in hogſheads, tanners' oil, mackerel, ſpades, ſhovels, cutting knives, croſſcut and hand ſaws, plain ſilver watches, womens' ſet ſhoe buckles, mens' knee ditto, gold ſet broaches, &c.

☞ On Tueſday the 22d, will be ſold, the three Tracts of Land lying near town, as advertiſed in this paper by Mr. Dade.

C. COPPER, Vendue-Maſter.

Alexandria, Feb. 10, 1785.

THE Veſtries of the different pariſhes throughout the State, being by an act paſſed the laſt ſeſſion to be diſſolved on Eaſter day next, and the Veſtries being by the ſame act empowered to levy all arrearages and legal demands againſt the pariſhes, notice is hereby given to all perſons having claims againſt the Veſtry of Fairfax Pariſh, that the Veſtry will meet at the veſtry-houſe, near the Falls church, on Wedneſday the 16th day of March next, for the purpoſe of ſettling all claims and levying all arrearages; and all perſons having demands againſt that pariſh, or who have undertaken the care of the pariſh poor, are deſired to attend: And the members of the Proteſtant Epiſcopal Church are hereby informed that an election of veſtrymen will be held at the veſtry-houſe, on the Monday in next Eaſter week, agreeably to the directions of the beforementioned act.

DAVID GRIFFITH, Miniſter.
R. T. HOOE, } Church Wardens.
W. PAYNE, }

Feb. 10, 1785.

The Brig MAY, Captain HASKELL, from LONDON, which arrived here on Friday laſt, has a Number of Goods on board for different Gentlemen on this River.—The Captain requeſts they may be immediately ſent for, as his Stay here will be but ſhort.

Alexandria, Feb. 2, 1785.

THE Subſcriber has on hand about Eleven Hundred Pounds, ſterling, worth of MEDICINES, SHOP-FURNITURE and SURGEONS INSTUMENTS, a large proportion thereof not yet opened, and all imported from Europe within eight months paſt; which quantity being found much too large for the common demand of this place, he will divide the whole with any gentleman in want of ſuch a ſupply, and ſell one half at firſt coſt by the invoice; —Any perſon inclining to purchaſe will find the Medicines well aſſorted, and laid in on as advantageous terms as any that have been imported ſince the peace; and they may be divided for the moſt part without breaking packages.—The other half he will retail by the pound, for ready money or ſhort credit, at an advance of 25 per cent. on the original coſt, which is conſiderably lower than they are ſold by retail any where on the continent.

W. BROWN.

Alexandria, Feb. 8, 1785.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the Subſcribers ſome time in May laſt, a bay MARE, about fourteen hands and an half high, ſix years old, branded G R, though not eaſily diſcerned, with a ſtar in her forehead, a ſmall ſnip in her noſe, the right hind footlock white, has a number of grey hairs round the root of her tail, and is a natural trotter, ———A bay horſe COLT, one year old, was loſt at the ſame time, and is ſuppoſed to have been taken off with her.——Whoever delivers the ſaid Mare and Colt to the Subſcribers, ſhall receive the above reward, or Ten Dollars for either.

RICHARD ARELL,
GEORGE MASON.

Alexandria, Jan. 28, 1785.

WHEREAS ſome evil minded Perſon or Perſons have maliciouſly reported that I have given up my Houſe, and quit entertaining Gentlemen—I therefore think it my Duty to inform the Public in general, and my former Cuſtomers in particular, that I ſtill keep my Houſe for the Accommodation of Gentlemen as uſual.

JOHN LOMAX.

Alexandria, Feb. 9, 1785.

William Lowry,
And
Company,

Have for Sale the following European GOODS, for Caſh, Tobacco, Genſang, Snakeroot, Sarſaparilla, Skins, or ſhort Credit, viz.

SUperfine and refine cloths, caſſimers, tablecloths, ratteens, coatings, Saliſbury cloths, a variety of Iriſh linens, calicoes, calamancoes, ruſſels, tammies, durants, moreens, ſatinets, laſtings, corduroys, fuſtians, jeans, cotton and linen checks, ſouflee, ſtriped, ſpotted and plain gauzes, handkerchiefs, ribbons, modes, ſatins, Marſeilles quilting, muſlin ſtripes, German cords, demities, nankeens of the beſt quality, cotton, thread and worſted hoſe, writing-paper, wafers, pens, quills, blank books, counting-houſe ditto, ſealing-wax, threads, pins, laces, bag buttons, twiſt, bindings, hardware, ironmongery, nails, &c.

☞ As W. Lowry propoſes ſhortly to return to England, it is earneſtly requeſted that all thoſe indebted to the houſe would make ſpeedy payment.—They will give Caſh for good Tobacco.

Alexandria, Feb. 8, 1785.

All perſons having any demands againſt the Subſcriber are requeſted to bring them in that they may be ſettled; and thoſe whoſe accounts have been long ſtanding, would much oblige him by ſettling them immediately, and thereby prevent trouble and expence.

JOHN LOMAX.

Alexandria, Feb. 10, 1785.

Francis Fabrit,

Lately from France,

PROpoſes opening a DANCING-SCHOOL at Mr. Reeder's Tavern, where regular attendance will be given every Friday and Saturday, and where the Engliſh and French modes of Dancing will be taught. Private tuition will be given to any Gentlemen and Ladies deſiring the ſame, on any other day but that of public teaching.—The terms may be known by applying to the Subſcriber at Mr. Reeder's.

Alexandria, Feb. 1, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

THREE valuable Negro MEN, well acquainted with the Ropemaking Buſineſs.—Inquire of CHARLES STEWART at Annapolis.

Feb. 9, 1785.

The Drawing of the George-Town ACADEMY LOTTERY is unavoidably put off till the Third Monday in May next.

George-Town, Feb. 2, 1785.

Juſt received, and to be Sold on the moſt reaſonable Terms, at the Printing-Office,

A Variety of elegant PAPER-HANGINGS,

POETRY.

ON TRUTH.

"TRUTH, thou universal charm!
Which alone the soul can warm;
Without thee the fairest face
Loses half its winning grace:
Lust, indeed, it may create,
Lust sometimes consists with hate;
But can ne'er affection move,
Worthy of the name of love.
Love is a delightful flow'r
Call'd forth by thy heav'nly pow'r,
Which, if thou withdraw thy ray,
Withers straight, and fades away.
Nothing can without thee please,
Source of friendship, joy, and peace!
All that we desire, or prize,
Pleasure of the mind or eyes,
Owes its sacred charms to thee;
What must then thy beauty be?"

M'Crea *and* Measе,

Have just arrived an Assortment of GOODS, which they propose selling on the most reasonable Terms; amongst them are

CLoths, shalloons, calamancoes, durants, camblets, poplins, German serges, dorsetteens, kings' and queens' cords, dimities, drawboys, satinets, denims, checks, striped hollands, bedbunts, messinets, silverets, taffetas, nonsopretties, tapes, glasswaре, window glass, clear and spotted lawns, striped and figured ditto, ditto handkerchiefs, fine soussee and needle-work'd aprons, threads, Dutch lace and edging, silk ferrets, Barcelona handkerchiefs, black and white lace, blond ditto, ladies' fashionable trimmed cloaks, hats and bonnets, Cyprus and other gauzes, knee and other garters, mens' and womens' gloves, silk mits, ribbons, counterpanes, Irish linens, osnaburgs, quality bindings, ladies' stays, writing-paper, inkpowder, pins, needles, milled and common flannels, mens', womens' and boys' thread, cotton and silk hose, spelling-books, pocket-books, hair broom-heads, brushes, sieves, table knives and forks, clasp and pen knives, rasors, shaping and other scissors, bar-lead, shot, coffee-mills, sleeve-buttons, plated spurs and buckles, spectacles, blank account books, quills, bridles, curry-combs, horsewhips, money-scales with weights, twist, sewing silk, shirt-buttons, cottons, calicoes, coatings, &c. &c.

It is useless to say any thing respecting the terms on which these goods will be sold—Whoever applies at the Post-Office, will find them agreeable.

Alexandria, Jan. 4, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY valuable TRACT of LAND, lying on Aquia-Run, in Stafford County, Virginia, not more than one mile from Aquia Warehouse, about six miles from Dumfries, and twelve miles from Fredericksburg, containing Six Thousand Acres; it is well watered, abounding with timber, and is calculated for planting or farming.—On this land are several valuable mill-seats, one of which is particularly so.—The above will be sold in lots of two or five hundred acres, as may best suit the purchasers.—If sold by the whole tract three years credit will be given for one half the purchase; if in small lots, only one year's credit will be given for one half, the other being paid at the time of conveyance.—For further particulars inquire of the Subscriber opposite to Lower-Marlborough, in Maryland, or to Colonel BAILEY WASHINGTON, near to and adjoining the premises, who will shew the land.

WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

October 13, 1784.

FORTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber the 24th of August last, a remarkable black strong-made Negro Man, named PETER, late the property of Mr. Benjamin Foreman, about 5 feet 9 inches high, about 22 years of age, but appears older, with large staring eyes, small legs, and has lost four of his toes from his right foot: He had on when he went away a mixed grey great coat, tow linen shirt and trousers, old shoes and a felt hat, but may have changed his clothes.—Whoever takes up said Negro, and secures him in any gaol so that his Master may get him again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home.

MICHAEL M'KEWAN.

Martinsburg, Berkeley County, Dec. 27, 1784.

N. B. Said Negro was raised with Mr. John Werrington, and formerly belonged to Mr. Alexander Catlet, near Seneca in Maryland.

Brenton, Virginia, Prince-William County, Jan. 8, 1785.

On Monday the 4th of April next, if fair, if not the next fair Day, will be offered for Sale, at Mr. William M'Daniel's Tavern, in the Town of Dumfries,

ABOUT 4000 acres of LAND, being part of that noted tract of land, called and well known by the name of the Brenton-Tract; it lies about 17 miles from Dumfries, 30 or 35 from Alexandria, and 28 from Fredericksburg.—At Dumfries the highest navigation, there is always a good and ready market for every kind of country produce, and the two last mentioned towns are the most considerable on the two rivers of Potomack and Rappahannock.—This land produces very good tobacco, wheat, corn, &c. is particularly well adapted to farming, being very level, can always be improved with little expence, and is remarked for its superior excellence in producing wheat; there is on it some land which may be converted into good meadow land, and 12 or 14 good merchant mills within 30 miles, three of them as nigh as 8 miles.—The tobacco made on the land is esteemed among the best carried to Dumfries, the best inspection on Potomack.—The land will be laid off in lots of 1, 2 or 300 acres.—Three years credit will be given, provided the interest is regularly and punctually paid.—Bond carrying interest from the day of sale, with approved and sufficient security, will be required.—The land will be shewn by the subscriber living on the premises.—Several blooded Nags will be sold at the same time.

DANIEL CARROLL BRENT.

For Sale,

A Valuable TRACT of LAND, lying in Frederick County, Virginia, containing 1100 acres, within eight miles of Winchester, on the main road from thence to Philadelphia, and within two miles of three merchant mills; there are on said land, a good two-story dwelling-house and other convenient buildings, with a good orchard and meadow, and tolerably well timbered.——One third of the purchase-money to be paid down, one fourth of the balance at the expiration of two years, another fourth at four years, another fourth at six years, and the remainder at eight years, from the day of sale. Interest will be expected from the date of the bonds.—The price may be known by applying to Mr. Charles M'Donald on the premises, or to Mr. Nathaniel Burwell of Carter's Grove, on James River, or to the Subscriber in York County, near Williamsburg.

NATHANIEL BURWELL, jun.

Nov. 19, 1784.

For Sale,

A PLANTATION, within 8 miles of Winchester, containing 400 acres.—The lands are rich, level, and but very little broken with limestone, about 60 acres of which are cleared, and under good fences, has a large new barn, and a pretty good overseer's house.—Also 300 acres of unimproved Land, lying about two miles from the above place.—Likewise three very well improved Lots in the borough of Winchester, in a very advantageous part of the town for any kind of business.—Cash, Tobacco, or Military Certificates, will be received in payment, and the terms made known by applying to the Subscriber. *JOSEPH HOLMES.*

Winchester, Nov. 25, 1784.

☞ *Also for sale, a large and neat assortment of MERCHANDIZE, which he will sell for very little more than first cost, for Cash or Tobacco.* *J. H.*

All Persons indebted to the

Copartnership of HARPER and FENNER, which dissolved the 22d of November last, are once more requested to make immediate Payment.—Constant Attendance is given at the Store by

EDWARD HARPER.

Alexandria, Jan. 26, 1785.

N. B. Those Gentlemen who are indebted for Cash lent, are most particularly requested to call and discharge the same. E. H.

A Person of a liberal Pro-

fession is desirous of trying a benevolent Experiment, by instructing an honest NEGRO LAD in a Business that will give him, if ingenious and docile, an accurate Knowledge of the English Language, and besides rendering him really a rational Creature, will enable him, in due Time, to earn handsome Wages.—Inquire at the Printing-Office.

TO BE SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE,

A Variety of Writing-Paper, Dutch Quills, Paper Hangings, Blank Books, gilt and common Letter Paper, Sealing-Wax, Wafers, Inkpowder, Pounce, Ink-Stands, Black Lead Pencils, Common Prayer Books, from Two to Ten Shillings; Boston's Fourfold State, Russel's Sermons, Psalters, &c. &c. &c.

Public Vendue of Lands.

On Tuesday the 22d of February next, will be Sold to the highest Bidder, at the Vendue-Store in Alexandria, the three following Tracts of valuable Land, situated in Fairfax County, viz.

ONE Tract, lying within four miles and an half of Alexandria, on Holmes's-Run, containing agreeable to survey, 252 acres, 150 of which are woodland and well timbered; the cleared land is under good fence, 25 acres whereof are good meadow and now laid down with Timothy, and as much more may be made at a small expence; this tract is well watered, there being a number of fine springs on it, and there are on the premises a tolerable dwelling-house with a good brick chimney and two rooms on the lower floor, and a small apple orchard.—Another Tract, containing 300 acres, lying on the south-side of the middle Branch of Great-Hunting-Creek, and is likewise about four miles and an half from Alexandria; this tract has about 200 acres of woodland, the remainder being cleared is under tolerable fence; there are on the premises a good mill-seat, where formerly was a mill, 50 or 60 acres of meadow land, and an overseer's house, two barns and an apple and peach orchard.—The other Tract joins the last, and contains 75 acres of well timbered woodland.——The terms are, one third in ready money at the time of signing the deeds, one third in nine months, and for the remaining third a credit of eighteen months will be given, on bond with good security.—The plots are now lodged in the hands of the Vendue-Master, and may be seen at any time before the sale on application to him, and the land will be shewn by applying to the Subscriber, who lives near Alexandria. BALDWIN DADE.

January 24, 1785.

To be Sold at Public Vendue on the Premises, on Tuesday the 3d Day of April next,

A Valuable PLANTATION, lying within six miles of Alexandria, containing 200 acres, whereon is a good dwelling-house, with two rooms on a floor, and a good brick chimney; a good kitchen, meat-house, corn-house with a room below, stable, and other out-houses, a spring of good water within 100 yards of the door, a good apple and peach orchard, and a young orchard; about 8 acres of meadow cleared and well laid down in Timothy, and a quantity more may be made.—The land produces good Indian-corn, tobacco, and small grain, and all under very good fence; there are 35 bushels of wheat sown on the land in one body, and looks as well as any in the county.——One-third of the purchase-money to be paid down, one-third in twelve months after, and the other third at the expiration of twelve months more, on giving bond with approved security for the two payments, and may be entered upon immediately after the day of sale.—On the same day will also be sold for ready-money, horses, cows, hogs, corn, fodder, hay, farming utensils, and household and kitchen furniture.

On Thursday the 5th of April next, will be sold in Alexandria, a Lot of Ground on Queen-street, containing 61 feet front and 122 feet back, whereon is a good two-story brick-house, with four fireplaces on a floor and two in the cellar, a good store-room, and rents at 100 l. per year; there is an addition to it with two rooms above and a cellar below, that rents at 30 l. per year, and a good spring of water on the Lot.—Also, a Lot on the same street, 30 feet front and 122 feet back, whereon is a good house not finished, with a good cellar below, with a fireplace.—Also, another Lot on the same street, being a corner Lot, containing 30 feet front and running 122 feet on Pitt-street, whereon is a log-house with a brick chimney.—Also, a Lot on Pitt-street, 61 feet front and 123 feet back, whereon is a good tan-yard and mill-house.—The terms of sale for the Lots will be the same as for the above Plantation.—Good deeds will be made for the Plantation and Lots by

Jan. 26, 1785. SAMUEL M'LEAN.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be presented to the next General Assembly, relative to draining the marsh adjoining this town, and to condemn certain lands, the property of Charles Alexander, Esq; for the use of public buildings and other purposes.

Alexandria, January 25, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

On board the Sloop Polly, Capt. Mark Clark, at Col. Lyles's Wharf,

RHode-Island cheese, cranberries, chairs, potatoes, butter, cyder, oil, hops, spruce, and mackerel.

Alexandria, Jan. 23, 1785.

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